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Clotilde Astorino Captures Prize in First "Sparky Joe" Contest

Softball Team Members Feted at End-of-Season Banquet

The Sprague Electric Softball Team enjoyed a banquet at Petey Dink's on October 20 as guests of the Company.

Bucky Bullett, WNAW sports commentator, and Dale Long, former Adams High sports star and class A minor league baseball player, were the guests of honor and principal speakers for the evening. Other guests who were called on to say a few words by Toastmaster William Phelps were Kit Carson, Bob Sprague, Jr., Fred Potter, Bill Nolan, Jack Washburn, Vern Durocher, Manager of the Merchants, the winning City League team, Hank Gamari, chief umpire of the City League, Art Van Steemburg and Flash Estes, coaches of the Sprague Electric Softball Team, and Ace Samia, manager of the Electrics.

The Electrics were acclaimed for their successful season this year. Although starting off with new and inexperienced players, the team tied for fifth place in the City League. When the City League was ended, a new Independent League was organized composed of six teams. Sprague Electric participated in this League and finished in first place at the end of the first half. The second half found the Electrics nudged from first place and holding second place honors.

The 1952 Sprague Electric Softball Team members were Dean Brown, Bob Clark, Adrian Darling, Peanut Darling, Leonard Kronick, Tiny Mancini, John Murphy, Jr., Mickey O'Neil, Mel Peck, Henry Puppolo, Frank Santelli, and Tweedles Zanette. The team was managed by Ace Samia.

Hopes are high for another good season next year.

Staff

SPARKY JOE CONTEST PAYS OFF -- Clotilde Astorino, first "Sparky Joe" contest winner, happily receives her $25 Savings Bond from Courtney Flanders of the Employe Relations Department while James Fitzgerald, Assistant to the Sales Administrator, looks on with approval. Clotilde works in the Sales Order Office evenings.

Thrilled Winner Presented With Savings Bond

Clotilde Astorino, of the Sales Order Office, is the first winner in the "Sparky Joe" Contest.

Clotilde took the honors in the first of the series of "Sparky Joe" Contests which appeared in the October 3 LOG. She was presented with a $25 Savings Bond for answering the four questions correctly and then writing a prize-winning essay.

The winner is married and resides with her husband, Roy, and their little boy at 71 North Holden Street. She works in the Sales Order Office evenings, from 6 until 11. Thrilled and pleased with her success, Clotilde says it is the first contest she has ever entered.

The essay is printed below:

"The field of electronics holds a fascinating and interesting challenge toward the future. In this modern age of television, radar, guided missiles, atomic energy, etc., new opportunities are created for advanced experiments and work. We are living in a pace-setting era in which the field of electronics is one of the most important and most promising. Sprague Electric has become one of the largest and leading manufacturers of electric-electronic parts.

The humble origin of Sprague Electric in radio tone control in 1926 was in the Quincy, Massachusetts home of its founder and president, Mr. R. C. Sprague, and his wife, Florence, to whom a good share of credit must be given as an interested wife and helpful companion. Other original members are Miss Molly Avery, a very loyal, efficient secretary who recently completed twenty-five years with the Company; and Mr. J. K. Sprague, brother of the president — all of whom are still with Sprague Electric sharing the hard-earned, well-deserved honors which this Company receives as an outstanding manufacturer of electric-electronic parts for government and civilian use.

As experiments proved successful and work increased by "leaps and bounds", larger quarters were sought for this newly-thriving organization. The fortunate city chosen was North Adams, Massachusetts. We look with pride to Sprague Electric for its many foremost and outstanding accomplishments and to a bright future."

The correct answers to the questions asked are — Question 1-b, Question 2-b, Question 3-c, Question 4-a.

Another "Sparky Joe" winner will be announced in the November 14 LOG. It could be you.

Don't forget to vote on November 4.

Berkshire Community Junior Symphony in Need of Young People to Play Stringed Instruments

The Berkshire Community Junior Symphony, made up of young people of grammar school and high school ages, needs violinists or those studying stringed instruments.

Playing in the Berkshire Community Junior Symphony is a musical education for any child. The Junior Symphony is conducted by Mr. Walter Lehmann of Williamstown, assisted in the training of the orchestra by Mr. Thomas King of Pittsfield, both excellent musicians and teachers. Ten rehearsals are planned for this fall and ten for next spring, after which a concert will be given. The rehearsals will be held each Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Chapin Hall, Williams College.

The Berkshire Community Junior Symphony has a full symphony complement, complete with wood winds, brass, and strings. The enrollment has reached 45, but the directors hope to have the enrollment pass the 50 mark. The young musicians come from Adams, Bennington, Pittsfield, North Adams, Hoosick Falls, and Williamstown. The group already has received many excellent contributions from parents and extreme interest has been shown.

Mr. Harry Barschdorf, of the Network and Filter Laboratory, urges any Sprague Electric employe who wishes his or her child to benefit from the rich musical experience to be gained as a member of the Berkshire Community Junior Symphony to call him at 301.

Mr. Barschdorf, who is Manager of the Berkshire Community Symphony, also has announced that the Senior Symphony will give a concert Monday, November 24, at 8:15 p.m. in Chapin Hall, Williamstown. The program will include Beethoven's "Fidelia Overture", Wagner's "Prelude to the Meisteisinger", Shubert's "Symphony No. 5", and Bizet's "L'Arsienne Suite No. 1".

Truck Driver Wins Spot in Newspaper Feature Series

Edward T. Gault, a truck driver who delivers nitric acid to Sprague Electric, has won himself a spot in a Believe It Or Not type newspaper feature series run by the King Features Syndicate.

On October 13, the feature appeared on the comic page of the North Adams Transcript. It stated that Mr. Gault, who resides in West Wareham, Mass., is still driving trucks at the age of 74. He has traveled 3,000,000 miles without a single accident.

Well-known to many people at Sprague Electric, Mr. Gault has been delivering goods here for years.

Bus Service From Pownal To Sprague Electric Contemplated

Tentative plans are being made for a bus which will service Sprague Electric from North Pownal and Pownal. If the plan is put into operation, the bus will leave North Pownal at 5:15 a.m., Pownal at 5:30 a.m., and arrive in North Adams in time for the 6:00 a.m. shift. The same bus will meet its passengers at the close of the day and return them to Pownal and North Pownal.

The estimated fare per week, round-trip, will be $3.50 from North Pownal, and $2.75 from Pownal. The agent for the service will be Joe LaFlamme, a resident of Pownal.

Those people who would be interested in such a bus service are requested to fill in the coupon below and send it to William Phelps, Personnel Department.

Pownal Bus Service

I would be interested in using the facilities of a bus service from North Pownal and Pownal to Sprague Electric in North Adams if and when the proposed service is put into operation.

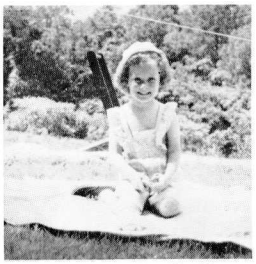
Name .....

Plant ..... Department .....

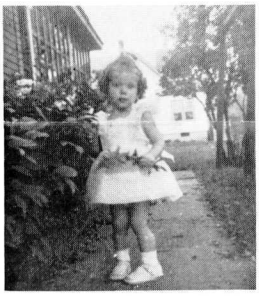
Staff

"IN OUR HANDS" -- People lunching in the Marshall Street Cafeteria on October 10 and 13 had an opportunity to see the film "In Our Hands" which shows how we got what we have in this country, what we have, how to lose what we have, and how to keep what we have. The film, presented by the training section, also was shown in the Beaver Street and Brown Street Cafeterias.

Beverly Andrews is the 12-year-old daughter of Marion Andrews of Final Soldering.



Judy's mother, Lucille Matranga, works in Retail Sales, and her father, Vincent, works in Molded Tubular Section Solder.



Lillian Babcock is proud of her 18-months-old daughter, Donna Marie. Lillian works in Industrial Oil Final Assembly.

Which one is Charlotte? Which one is Louise? The 4-year-old twin daughters of Sandy Senecal of Molded Tubulars (Second Shift).

Little Anne Trombley is the daughter of Theresa Trombley of Resistors and the granddaughter of Alice Contois of Final Soldering.

Beaver Street News

Miscellaneous Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

Welcome to the new girls in our department.

We already had three sisters-in-law working with us and now we have three sisters. We say, "howdy and welcome", to Jadwiga (Happy) Ahola, who is the sister of Edna Cwiertniewicz and Stacia Szurek.

We say "pleased to meet you" to Roberta Booth who for the past four years has resided in Washington, D. C.

It is nice having Frances Gayda back after her recent trip to California. Fran flew both ways and enjoyed it very much.

Mina Estes is still absent and we miss her a lot.

It is a task to keep track of Charlotte Haas these days. Charlotte has moved for the second time in just as many months. Her new home is in North Pownal, Vermont.

Our Foreman, Ray Brown, and his wife recently spent a week end in New York City. From all reports, they had a wonderful time.

Sorry Chuck Wright has an infected eye. When he appeared in colored glasses, we thought a Russian spy had joined us.

Jackie Poirot has been receiving glowing letters from her sister in California. She and her husband are now making their home there. All that sunshine and warm weather sounds wonderful now the frost is on the pumpkin.

Edith Scriven's daughter is feeling better and we are glad. We missed Edith when she stayed home to care for her.

Everyone is very happy to hear that Mrs. Manson, the dispensary nurse, is well on the road to recovery after having been very ill following an operation. May our good wishes speed her convalescence.

Your reporter is very glad to be back and I hope to stay for awhile this time. Many thanks for the lovely flowers, fruit, and cards I received during my illness.

Metal Clad Small Order

by Jane Paradise and Lea Perras

We are sorry to hear of Kathy Stinnette's accident and wish her a speedy recovery.

Many happy returns to Mike Stefanik on his birthday.

Sorry to hear Chuck Roy is in the Hospital. Speedy recovery, Chuck.

Julie Morin is back from Atlantic City a little tired but happy. She had a grand time.

Ernie Bradley and Joe Downey have moved. Hope they like their new homes.

Paper Rolling (Nights)

by Lillian Stachelek

The girls on the night shift presented Al Bergeron with a beautiful toaster and accessories to match in honor of his marriage.

Phil Nimmons has a new dog, a bulldog. Phil is really crazy about her.

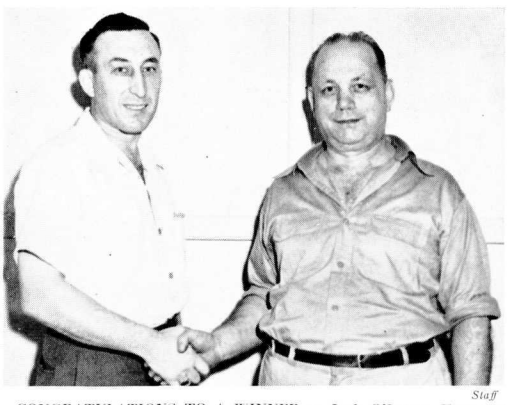
Congratulations to Bessie Turgeon on her second grandchild.

We are still waiting for Doris Scrivens to guess the jackpot song on WMNB's "Hold the Phone" program.

Mae Corsi went to the Armory to hear Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra.

The Y's Men Say It's Good

And when they sponsor an entertainment, it is always good. The Teen Age Barn Show, of television fame, will appear on November 4 and 5 at the Drury High School auditorium. The show starts at 8 p.m. and the price is $1.00. The proceeds will be used by the Y's Men for Y. M. C. A. work.



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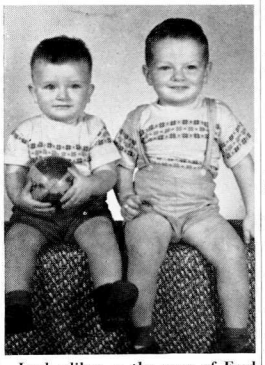
CONGRATULATIONS TO A WINNER -- Jack O'Leary, Foreman, congratulates Clinton Germaine, Molded Tubular Section Solder, for taking Suggestion System honors. Clinton was awarded twenty dollars for suggesting a tool for cleaning various particles from a flat mill standard file.

Private Rosiaro Cantoni, son of Rose Cantoni of A. C. Dry Assembly, is stationed in Korea.



Look alikes -- the sons of Fred Marchegiani, Maintenance, and the grandsons of Mildred Marchegiani, Office at Bennington.

Bathtub Assembly

by D. Landry

Eleanor Charbonneau and Doris Domenichini are back working with us after spending the summer on the night shift.

Lucille Falco looked charming at her sister's wedding. Lucille was matron of honor.

Vivian Dale visited the Toni Pastor family in West Hartford, Conn.

We are glad to hear Gloria Ames is improving. She has been confined to the North Adams Hospital.

Chris Andrews was pleasantly surprised recently when several of her coworkers dropped in with gifts and the makings for a party.

Teresa Paquin has been confined to her home because of illness.

Barbara Campedelli spent her vacation in New York City.

Marie Cicchetti is taking lessons from Carm's driving school. Pedestrians, beware!

Several from our department attended the Fall Foliage fashion show and the dance which followed. Several of our young folks enjoyed the dance and the music of Ralph Flanagan at the Armory.

Can Shop

by Cliff

We wish Donald Kleiner all the luck in the world on his new venture into the photo and developing business.

Osborne Edwards is out sick. Hope you are back with us soon.

Gerald Rickert has been busy lately putting a new floor in his cellar.

Ed Sprague spent his vacation watching the World Series on television.

We wish Pinky Sherman's wife a quick recovery.

Glad to hear Bob Haas is doing fine with his Launder Mart.

Walt Rogowski is on his vacation. From his reports, he is having a fine time baby sitting.

Everything is back to normal now that the baseball season is over. What will our winter discussion be?

Bennington

by Mildred Marchegiani

Most of the vacations are ended with the exception of a few waiting anxiously for hunting season in November.

Sterling Wilson has returned from his vacation which he spent at home resting.

Mildred Marchegiani spent her two-week vacation moving into a new home. Her son, Fred Marchegiani, who works in Maintenance at Marshall Street also was on his vacation and he and his family spent part of a week at Bennington with his parents.

Joseph Pello, our guard on day shift, is planning a trip to Washington next week while out on his vacation. Hope the foliage will not change too rapidly.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Howard Ouhl and family in their recent bereavement.

Brown Street News

Molded Tubular Final Solder (2nd Shift)

by Oui

The return of colds, viruses, and other cold weather ailments is taking its toll. Anna Deeb, Emaline Morin, and your reporter have been victims so far.

Delma Mroz has returned to work after a short stay at the Hospital. We hope you are feeling better, Delma.

Lilly Bush is on a leave of absence.

Esther Peters is still nursing a sore wrist received in a fall in a local store.

I hope every eligible voter will vote on November 4.

Prokar Test

by Helen Jones

We hope Margaret Sherry is having a pleasant vacation and we are glad to hear her sister is improving after her operation.

Emily Sacco is by all means a first rate dressmaker. Nary a lesson and yet the suit she made for herself has that professional touch.

The two-tone gray Austin which sometimes is parked in front of the plant, belongs to Carrie Trisorio's daughter, Tony. A wee car for a wee girl.

Ruth Anderson's son, Steve, made the Drury Varsity Football Team while only a sophomore. He'll be indispensable by the time he's a senior.

Ronnie Tovanni has certainly had his troubles with animals lately. First, he lost his dogs and, then, he found an injured bird. But, all is well that ends well. Someone found the dogs for him and he nursed the bird back to health.

Florence Harrington is very busy planning Christmas gifts for her three grandchildren. Does anyone know where there is a reliable doll hospital for repairing a very special doll?

Eunice Moran hurries home every night to baby sit so her sister, Mrs. Beilke, may be free to give dancing lessons.

Molded Tubulars

by the Busy Bees

Mary Fulginiti spent her vacation in Boston.

Agnes Rivers also enjoyed a vacation. She rested at home.

Susan Pollone visited Marlboro and Boston during her vacation.

Jeannette Cady celebrated her eighth wedding anniversary on October 28. We hope she and Harold will enjoy many more.

Marion Andrews is starting a new sock style. Marion wears two different ones to work.

Marie Nesman received two cakes on her birthday. Many happy returns, Marie.

Wire Coating

by Betty Jangrow

The men on the third shift enjoyed a steak supper at the Heartwellville Lodge recently. A good time was had by all.

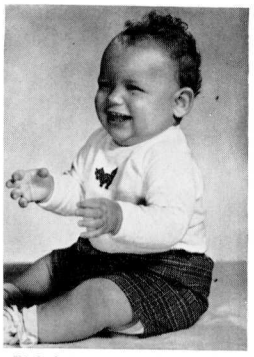
Congratulations to Eva Faour on winning the door prize, October 21.

Gert Volpi is busy finding different ways to cook rabbit these days. Her husband is bringing home the rabbits.

Sue Galipeau is returning to the second shift. It was nice to have her spend the summer with us.

Margaret Moulton is leaving us soon. It was nice working with Margaret and we hope she will return to Wire Coating some day.

Helen Burdick enjoyed some of the fall foliage on her recent trip to Rockingham. She had a perfect day even though her horses didn't make the grade.



Ricky's parents, Franklin and Mary Williams, both work at Sprague Electric — Franklin in Molding and Mary in Metal Clad.

Miscellaneous Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy and Rita Brooks

Yours truly had a visit from our former co-worker, Virginia Pierson, recently. Ginny is at the Wesson Memorial in Springfield.

Belated birthday greetings to Isabel Rancourt who celebrated on October 20.

Belated birthday greetings to Connie Wolkowicz's daughter, Valerie.

Mildred (Midge) LaCosse is looking fine after her vacation.

You haven't had good spaghetti and meat balls until you have had it prepared by Laura Roy.

Janet Johnston, our Scotch lassie, has left us to take up residence in Hartford, Conn. She was presented gifts by her co-workers on the day of her departure.

Industrial Oil Rolling

by Ermina Sweeney

Liz Slattery was pleasantly surprised on her birthday with a beautiful cake made by Dot Bastien. We all enjoyed it.

Dora Downes will soon be coming in with TV eyes, too.

Rena Maroni enjoyed a few days of vacation in New York City.

We regret losing Frankie Kolis to Bill Pasotti. Our loss is Bill's gain.

We welcome Danny Maloney from Portland, Maine to our midst. Hope you like us, Danny.

Evelyn Jones is sporting TV eyes, also.

Back from sick bay are Edith Shaw and Dot Daunais.

Helen Murphy is recovering from an infection. Glad you are better, Helen.

Hello to Emily Mumford. Glad to see Emily again.

Alice Beauchamp enjoyed two weeks of vacation in New York.

Bernice Brazeau enjoyed a few days in New York City.

Elizabeth Slattery vacationed for two weeks in New York.

Helen Lesure is enjoying a short leave of absence with her husband who is home on leave from Korea.

Welcome to the fold, Francis Delisle. He is our new assistant Supervisor.

Ida Manson has reason to be happy. Her new car which had been stolen has been returned to her.

Mica Department

by Betty Barcomb

Adeline Poirot was presented with a lovely birthday cake from the girls on the stacking table.

Kenny Martin has returned from his vacation. He looks well rested and as though he has gotten acquainted with his baby son. Kenny has been showing all the girls in the room pictures and his son is really cute. I hope to have a picture of Johnnie to put in another edition some future date.

Joan Gomeau and Grace Collins are both in the middle of moving. Hope you like your new apartments.

Tootie Cirullo had the pleasure of seeing Nat King Cole and Sara Vaughn. She really enjoyed them. She went to the R.P.I. Field House in Troy, New York. By the way, Tootie does a wonderful imitation of Sara Vaughn.

The boys in our department have been invited to go to the Hallowe'en Party on October 29. It will be held at the Vet's on Ashland Street. I hope to have some pictures of the party in the next edition.

There seems to be a new "fad" in our room, everyone is having their hair cut in bangs. Tootie Cirullo, Joan Gomeau, and Jane Harding have been the "official" barbers. Mary Maroney and Barbara Pilot were the girls with the new hair-dos. I hope more girls in our room have their hair done in bangs. If you do, go to the three girls named above. (See, girls, I'm giving you some business).

Marshall St. News

Test Equipment Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

Our breakfast club certainly missed Maurice Lafond who had a week of vacation recently.

We were sorry to hear Al Giroux's son, Johnny, had to be operated on for appendicitis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Winter is just around the corner when you see Lee Hermansen put on his top coat. In Wisconsin, where Lee originally came from, he says that it really gets cold.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Remillard on their 15th anniversary.

Western Electric DTQ

by Homer

The Western Electric bowling team is composed of Miles O'Grady, Joe Lipa, Ed Ames, Bob Delisle, and Jerry Levigne. We'll be cheering for them.

John Peters went a long way on his vacation, to Chicago.

Heard that Betty Coulter is a great wrestling fan. Hope she doesn't try any of the holds on us.

We would like to welcome Harriet Michaels, Phoebe Jangrow, and John Andrews to our room. Hope you like it here.

Remember November 4 is the day we vote. Get out and vote! Everyone's vote counts. See you at the polls.

Accounting

by the Magpies

Vacations are still in order. Joan and Katie Bryce enjoyed a wonderful week in New York City. Lucky gals.

Jean Landry was guest of honor at a kitchen shower. This coming month she will become Mrs. Robert Trabold.

Election discussions are getting to be most interesting and enlightening in this department. At least some of the women know for whom they are going to vote and are just waiting for November 4.

Lil Adams is a most versatile person. This may be verified by asking Dot Boutwell or Mary Mathews. They know her capabilities, and how!

Welcome to Ruth O. Mackey and Eleanor Patenaude, newcomers to our midst.

To Eileen Mossolani, "So long and the best of luck". Eileen is leaving to make her home in Schenectady.

Brother and sister -- Linda Ann and Kenneth Philip Bissaillon, grandchildren of Anna Garczyca of Metal Clad.

Shipping

by C. T.

Ernest Gregory is all smiles these days. He is the proud owner of a car.

We miss Rosetta Duquette and Flora Burdick who are on leaves of absence.

We are glad to hear Margaret Torrey's son is improving rapidly after a bad fall which occurred while playing football.

Dry Tubular Finish

by Marge Hauptfleisch

Congratulations to Verna Hurlbut and Bernard Lord who were married recently at the Notre Dame Church in Adams. They both work in this department.

Congratulations to Isabelle Mazinski on the birth of a son.

Pat Trzcinski is busy these days fixing up her new home which she purchased recently.

It is nice having Marjorie McConnell back with us again after her leave. Her smiling face certainly brightens the department.

Recently, Ray Belding flew to Kansas for a week end.

We wish a speedy recovery to our co-worker, Antoinette Bombardier, who underwent an operation at the North Adams Hospital. Hurry back, Toni, we all miss you.

Flat Midget Assembly (Nights)

by Ar and Le

Anniversary congratulations to Irene West, 25 years, Gert Bohl, 15 years, Millicent Trimarchi, 17 years, and to Mary Tassone.

Birthday best wishes to Frieda Taff, Dottie Rogers, and Lena Roy.

Machine Shop

by John and Nick

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Peters on their 28th wedding anniversary which was celebrated October 11. They recently moved from North Pownal to a new home in Williamstown.

Welcome to the new members of the Machine Shop: Charles McCarm, Jr., Richard Patterson, Charles Kelly, Ralph Martell, and Al Allard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Anderson have returned from their vacation which was spent visiting their son, Henry, Jr., and his family in Salem, Ohio. During their visit, Henry, Sr., and the Mrs. celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on October 12, which also was Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, Jr.'s 9th wedding anniversary. They celebrated at a dinner at Stowe, Ohio. Henry, Jr. is Assistant Administrator of the Salem City Hospital. While in the West, Henry and Margaret visited Akron, Youngstown, Toledo, and Columbia.

The panhandler is Clebe Winfield Scott, grandson of Margaret Wohler of Industrial Oil Rolling.

Formation

by Ed

Fred Boschetti, has returned from his vacation and it is good to see his sunny smile and hear his witty remarks again.

Best wishes for a fast and complete recovery to Mrs. Norman Jepson who fell and broke her hip. Norm works in Formation.

There are many new faces in our department. Welcome, fellows.

A Plug — To The Winter Fishermen — "Happy" Art Hewitt has built a pond on his land. At this time, he has on hand about 25,000 live bait for your use. Of course, you have to pay for them and no samples.

Filters

by Ginger and Richer

Birthday greetings to Marjorie Grynkiewicz, Pauline Perrault, Edith Bassett, and Margaret Isherwood. We hope you have many, many more.

Maisie Foley spent the week end in New York visiting her daughter, Nancy, who is going to school there.

Claire Danis is going to Bliss Business College nights and she really likes it.

Mae Stratton, who has been on a leave of absence, is back with us again. It is nice having you back with us, Mae.

Bertha Roy's son, Kenneth, left for the service last week. Bertha has two sons in the service now. Francis is in the Navy and Ken is in the Army. Bertha will have to cheer for both the Army and Navy now.

Take notice, you gals and boys, when this news goes to press, there will be only 46 shopping days until Christmas.

Jimmy Caron was 2nd baseman on the Eagles Team in the Little League. His father is Roy of Maintenance; his mother is Marion of Dry Rolling.

Network and Filter Development

by Julia Desrosiers

We wish Gladys Dubie and her husband a happy anniversary. Gladys received a beautiful watch from her husband and a necklace, earrings, and a bracelet from her children.

Welcome to Lyle Holt, Ernest Coons, and Rita Blouin. Hope you like it here with us.

Paper Rolling

by Larry Hiser

We wish a speedy recovery to Ervin Bradley who has pneumonia.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Daub who are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born October 14, 1952.

We wish Mrs. Joseph Rosse a speedy recovery from her illness, and hope she will soon leave the hospital and be back with us again.

Quite a few of the boys enjoyed a week of vacation watching the World Series on television. They were Norman Chenail, Chuck Mulcahy, John LaDame, Pat Mazza, and Allie Bates.

Welcome Ray Trottier, Jr., Charles Morey, and Wilfred Harris.

Our deepest sympathy to James Modena's family upon the death of Helen Modena, a former employe.

Our deepest sympathy to Lawrence Hiser's family upon the death of Mrs. Edith Byrne of Lexington, Virginia.

Guess Who? This fair maiden works in Industrial Oils.

Round Midget Assembly

by Anon

Happy anniversary greetings to Norma Skoruposki who was married eight years, October 12, and to Alice Moreau who celebrated her silver anniversary, October 31; 25 years is a long time, but 50 years is what we are wishing for both of them.

Vi Bona paid us a visit and it was good to see her looking so well. We will be glad to have her back with us soon.

Ramona Turgeon has returned to us after a bout with the virus. Keep well now.

Mary Farinon has left us for the later shift.

Greetings to Emma Dube on sick leave. Hope she is better soon.

Peggy Daub was presented with a birthday gift a bit prematurely, but it's better to be too early than too late. A happy birthday to Peg every time it rolls around.

Today is what you were looking forward to yesterday, and it's your own fault if you are disappointed.

Our sympathy is extended to the Modena family on the death of our co-worker, Helen Modena.

Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmie

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rosario Ross on their 20th wedding anniversary which was October 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mahar on their third wedding anniversary, October 15, and to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Catotti on their 33rd wedding anniversary, October 20.

Your reporter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mancuso, held open house, October 26, in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary.

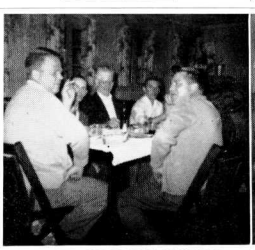
Micheline Compagna is spending her vacation moving to Williamstown. She will need another one to rest up.

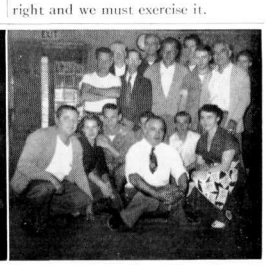
Nick Fulginiti enjoyed his vacation.

Robert Barbuto was presented an electric mixer in honor of his marriage to Geraldine Crew. The wedding took place in Pittsfield on October 25. Loads of luck and happiness to the newlyweds.

Joe Mantello looks like a professor with his new glasses.

Don't forget to go to the polls to vote on November 4. We have that right and we must exercise it.





CENTRIFUGE HAS OUTING -- Members of the Centrifuge Department enjoy a spaghetti supper at Sunny Side. Left, John Pierce and Jack Sullivan wait patiently for the spaghetti. Right, Centrifuge poses for a group picture.

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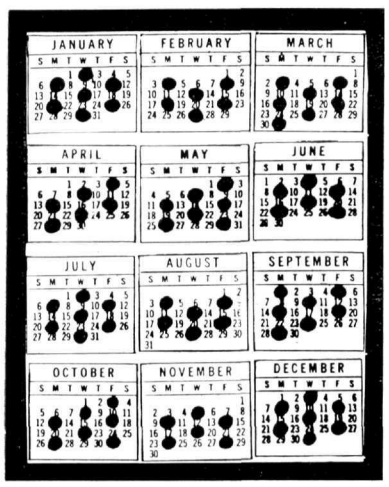


About 3 days out of 10

you work for the government!

Study this calendar. And give some thought to the black spots.

If you work for wages or salary, you probably worked that many days just to pay taxes.

The explanation is below.

Look at September.

That month — last month — you probably worked 21 days. Seven of these days, or **one out of three**, you didn't work for your family or to pay for a new car or to pay off a mortgage, or to buy things you need or want for yourself.

YOU WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

The average American family earning $4400 a year pays $1000 in Federal direct and indirect taxes, plus another $300 in state and local taxes. This means that the average family pays almost one-third of its income for taxes. . . . mostly taxes to the Federal government.

Remember, **one third of your working time** goes to support government.

BIG GOVERNMENT is really an EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

ASKS "WHAT-da-ya-KNOW?"

A contest for hourly-paid employes only, to see how much you know about your Company—answer the four questions below on white paper and write an essay of 200 to 250 words on the same sheet about any one of the four questions. Sign your name and give your address and *rush* to "Sparky Joe", Employe Relations Department. From the first twenty sets of perfect answers received to the questions, the judges will select the best essay—Presto—the winner receives a $25 Savings Bond—plus he or she will be eligible for the grand prize of a $50 bond. This "Sparky Joe" Contest will be open until November 14.

1. At what specific hour does your pay week begin?

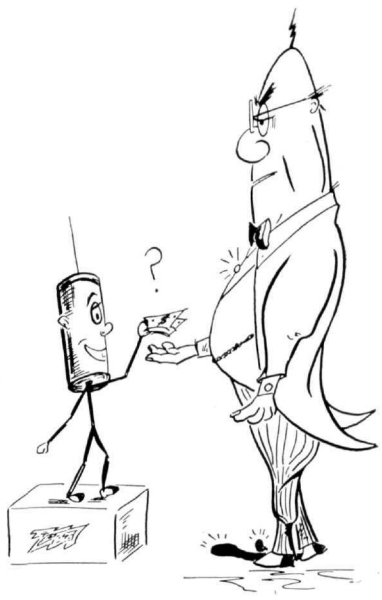
   a. 12:01 a.m. Monday
   b. 12:01 a.m. Thursday
   c. 12:01 p.m. Sunday
   d. 12:01 p.m. Saturday

2. Failure to report for work for a certain number of days without properly notifying the Company and without a valid excuse for not notifying will result in the loss of seniority or discharge. How many days do you have in which to report?

   a. 1
   b. 5
   c. 3
   d. 7

3. In 1951, the Sprague Electric Company's income increased about 26% over 1950. Did the Company profit in 1951 as compared to 1950 — — — ?

   a. go up considerably
   b. stay even
   c. go up a little
   d. or go down



4. How much pay does a Sprague Electric Company Director receive annually as a member of the Board of Directors?

   a. 0 to $400
   b. $6,000 to $13,500
   c. $1,500 to $4,750
   d. $17,500 to $35,000

Purchasing

by Irene 'n Lee

Welcome to Janice Domin, a newcomer to the Purchasing Department.

Shirley David spent the week end at Atlantic City where she attended the Syrian Convention.

We received a card from Eleanor Gigliotti; she is now in Chicago for a few days.

Alice Foist and her husband, Chuck, recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary.

Building 7 Offices

by Betty Bogus and Joan Paradis

Mr. Ortman enjoyed a well-deserved week of vacation.

The welcome mat was rolled out for Peggy Slater who is working in the Time Study Department.

Dick Cloutier has returned from a vacation in Washington, D. C.

Ellen Horsfall took a week of vacation which she spent at home.

John Puppolo spent the second half of his vacation relaxing at home.

Small Order S

by Mary Bernard and Nini Sacco

Fran Morse had a wonderful time attending a wedding in Montreal, Canada.

Cina Bushika and Phyllis Charron have returned from New York City.

Our boss, Mac Filiault, just returned from a week's vacation. He said he had a good time.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Heelan on the birth of a son, Steven Craig.